

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

OCT 04 2004

PILLSBURY WINTHROP

FINANCIAL CENTRE 695 EAST MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 6760 STAMFORD, CT 06904-6760 203.348.2300 F: 203.965.8226

FACSIMILE

Total Pages (including cover): **6**

HOUSTON	Date: October 4, 2004	Must Be Sent By:	
LONDON	To: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	Fax No:	703-872-9306
LOS ANGELES	Company: Mail Stop Petition	Phone No:	
NEW YORK	Confirm:	Confirmed By:	
NORTHERN VIRGINIA			
ORANGE COUNTY			
SACRAMENTO			
SAN DIEGO			
SAN FRANCISCO	From: Hans-Peter G. Hoffmann	Phone No:	(203) 348-2300
SILICON VALLEY	User No: 15504	C/M No:	044073-0281635
SINGAPORE	Comments:		
STAMFORD	Re: U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/064,973		
SYDNEY			
TOKYO			
WASHINGTON DC			

Confidentiality Note:

The documents accompanying this facsimile transmission may contain confidential information which is legally privileged. The information is intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If you are not the intended recipient, or the person responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of any of the information contained in this transmission is strictly PROHIBITED. If you have received this transmission in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and mail the original transmission to us. Thank you.

If you have not properly received this fax, please call (203) 348-2300. Thank you.

Operator: _____ Time Sent: _____ Batch ID: _____

PAGE 1/6 * RCVD AT 10/4/2004 1:20:42 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/3 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:203 965 8227 * DURATION (mm:ss):02:28

*Received
10/05/04*

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no person is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

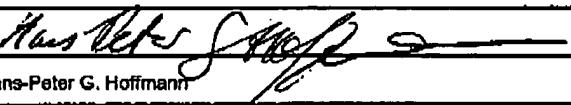
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number Filing Date First Named Inventor Art Unit Examiner Name Total Number of Pages in This Submission	09/064,973 April 23, 1998 Michael F. Vlach 3677 William L. Miller Attorney Docket Number 044073-0281635
--	---

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

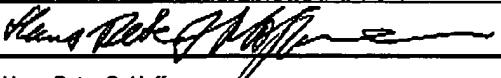
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): - PTOL-85 - Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal - Petition For Revival of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)
Remarks		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Customer No. 00909		
Signature			
Printed name	Hans-Peter G. Hoffmann		
Date	October 4, 2004	Reg. No.	Reg. No. 37,352

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Hans-Peter G. Hoffmann	Date	October 4, 2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

PTO/SB/17 (10-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006, OMB 0651-0032
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

FEE TRANSMITTAL

for FY 2005

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1,350.00)

Complete If Known

Application Number	09/064,973
Filing Date	April 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Michael F. Vidolin
Examiner Name	William L. Miller
Art Unit	3677
Attorney Docket No.	044073-0281635

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number: 03-3975
Deposit Account Name: Pillsbury Winthrop LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

-
- Charge fee(s) indicated below
-
- Credit any overpayments
-
-
- Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)
-
-
- Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee			
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee			
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee			
1004 790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee			
1005 180	2005 80	Provisional filing fee			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	x	=
Claims	-3** =	x	=
Multiple Dependent			=

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim. If not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 8	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

*or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051 130	2051 85	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 26	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 785	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1462 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	685
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245	Design issue fee	
1503 860	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1460 190	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 396	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) Issue Fee			665
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid		SUBTOTAL (3) (\$1,350.00)	

(Complete if applicable)

Name (Print/Type)	Hans-Peter G. Hoffmann	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,352	Telephone	203-965-8271
Signature				Date	10/04/2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.